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Nine Defendants Charged in Savannah-Based Drug Conspiracy

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah returned an indictment on September 16, 2004, against 9 individuals charging them with numerous offenses related to a conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine and marijuana. Arraignments in the case were held on October 13, 2004 in Savannah before U.S. Magistrate Judge G.R. Smith. The penalty for the conspiracy count includes imprisonment for not less than 10 years to life and a potential fine of up to \$4,000,000.

A summary of the individuals named in the indictment and the counts in which they are charged is set forth below. All defendants reside in Savannah, with the exception of Zackery Shannon, who is from Forest Park, Georgia:

1. BARRY CRAIG GARVIN

Count 1 - 21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy
Count 9 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Distribution of 50+ grams Cocaine Base
Count 11 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine
Counts 12 - 63 - 21 U.S.C. § 843(b) - Use of Communication Facility
Count 64 - 21 U.S.C. § 853 - Forfeiture

2. ZACKERY SHANNON

Count 1 - 21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy
Count 11 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine
Counts 12 - 35 - 21 U.S.C. § 843(b) - Use of Communication Facility

Count 64 - 21 U.S.C. § 853 - Forfeiture

3. ROMANO EDWARD SIMMONS

Count 1 - 21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy

Count 9 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Distribution of 50+ grams Cocaine Base

Counts 53-54 - 21 U.S.C. § 843(b) - Use of Communication Facility

Count 64 - 21 U.S.C. § 853 - Forfeiture

4. GERMAINE LAMONT MILTON

Count 1 - 21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy

Counts 46-51 - 21 U.S.C. § 843(b) - Use of Communication Facility

Count 64 - 21 U.S.C. § 853 - Forfeiture

5. GLENN SMITH, AKA "GLENN McCLOUD,"

Count 1 - 21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy

Count 52 - 21 U.S.C. § 843(b) - Use of Communication Facility

Count 64 - 21 U.S.C. § 853 - Forfeiture

6. YOLANDA MICHELLE DILLARD

Count 1 - 21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy

Counts 33-34, 41-45 - 21 U.S.C. § 843(b) - Use of Communication Facility

Count 64 - 21 U.S.C. § 853 - Forfeiture

7. DARRELL STAFFORD HOSE, JR.

Count 1 - 21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy

Count 2 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Distribution of Cocaine

Counts 3-5 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Distribution of 5+ grams Cocaine Base

Count 6 - 18 U.S.C. § 922(d)(1) - Sale of Firearm to Prohibited Person

Count 7 - 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(9) - Unlawful Possession of Firearm

Count 8 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Distribution of 5+ grams of Cocaine Base

Count 9 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Distribution of 50+ grams Cocaine Base

Count 10 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base

Count 11 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine

Counts 35-40, 59-62 - 21 U.S.C. § 843(b) - Use of Communication Facility

Count 64 - 21 U.S.C. § 853 - Forfeiture

8. ROBIN MARIE DAVIS

Count 1 - 21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy

Counts 55-58 - 21 U.S.C. § 843(b) - Use of Communication Facility

Count 64 - 21 U.S.C. § 853 - Forfeiture

9. PATRICIA ANN ANDREWS

Count 1 - 21 U.S.C. § 846 - Conspiracy

Count 11 - 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) - Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine

Counts 59-63 - 21 U.S.C. § 843(b) - Use of Communication Facility

Count 64 - 21 U.S.C. § 853 - Forfeiture

The majority of the unlawful activity alleged in the indictment took place in Savannah, Georgia. The arrests are the culmination of a joint investigation by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and Chatham-Savannah Counter-Narcotics Team, under the auspices of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. Considerable assistance in the investigation was also provided by the Chatham County District Attorney's Office.

Mrs. Wood stressed that the indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial, in which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Karl Knoche.

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